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Sarah Bracher to W S Hall, 14 April 1859

Axe Creek

Apl 14th 1859

My dear brother

I should have answered your note long since, only the confusion & bustle of such a move as ours precluded my doing so until this moment. I have but little news for you, as we are quite in the Bush & I must say at present I do not like the change & we have no milk, tho' we have 12 cows, some of them to calve in 6 or 7 weeks. George has to supply the House entirely from Bendigo & I fear it will almost swamp us before any returns are realized. I have been & still am very much grieved that Geo would sell the House & I fear it will be long before we shall be as snug again. I am very glad you are at length doing something & I hope you may be able to save a few pounds now. I hope you have been quite well since we saw you, pray my dear Brother write every few weeks if it is only to let us know where you are & what about. Fanny commenced a note to you but she has had a very bad eye for some days & could not finish it. Geo desires to be very kindly remembered & wishes to tell you that he took all your things to Cox the carter to be taken care of for you except the Pit saw, axe, bucket, kettle & Pan & tin dish, these things came out before Geo thought of leaving anything in Town for you.

I hope we shall soon hear of Hy's safe arrival & know what he is thinking about. What a life of toil & anxiety seems to be the lot of most of us, I begin to feel quite weary of it for so many years & now to be in the bush & no school for the children is worse than all. Geo has 10 acres of land ready for the plough but as it is in the 108 acre Paddock there is some fencing to be done, Geo means to do as little as he can to leave behind us for Tolhurst's benefit.

We are 17 miles from Bendigo, from Bogles [?Homebush] Inn about 9 miles, & $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the junction of the Ex creek with the Campaspie, I have described as well as I can the situation of the place,

but when you come to see us you had better call at Tolhursts & he will direct you the nearest road.

I was not able for want of time to forward Mr Taylor's package but will try to do so at some future visit to Bendigo. Mr & Mrs Dare came & spent 2 days with us & quite enjoyed themselves. I had a note from Mrs Fred, she wishes to hear from James. Mr Thos T has sold his farm, Mrs Turner has been very ill for 5 or 6 weeks, she expects another little one. Fred has sold his Bullocks & has a horse dray to do his work, they complain of bad times & want to sell the place. Dirksey Wittenoom is married to Kenneth Brown eldest son of the resident of Fremantle. The rains are very late with us & the frosts we are told are severe here. The children are pretty well I am thankful to say & are very fond of gardening. Geo gets quite a little man. I do not expect to get often into town as I do not like to leave the little Pets for fear of some accident. We have a very quiet little mare & spring Cart.

With very much love in which all unite
Believe me my dear Brother
Your ever affect sister
S L H Bracher